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Men's Cravenette Rain Coats; regular \$15 values; they're the very latest style and cut, very nobby and dressy, at extraordinary price.....

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In heavy worsted and chevrons, in latest style cut, we have only a few of these left. In all sizes; extra finish.....

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We have only 50 of these left to close out. Ages 3 to 9. Special price.....

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Only 200 of these Shoes left. In patent leather, calf skin, vici kid. For this sale, only.....

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CIVIL SERVICE CROWDS

Four States and Many Cities Adopt the System.

GOVERNMENT PAY TOO LOW

Commission's Annual Report Says One-half of Successful Applicants for Clerkships and Stenographic Positions Decline Jobs Because of Insufficiency of Compensation.

Varied and numerous are the subjects treated in the annual report of the Civil Service Commission for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1906, and just submitted to the President.

The report deals with the general condition of the classified service, examinations and appointments, most inspector examinations, investigations, appointments, and salaries in the Post-office service, appointments and removals from the rural carrier service, appointments in the Isthmian Canal service, superannuation, and civil service conferences.

The commission says that the sentiment in favor of the merit system is steadily growing, not only in Congress, but among the States, four of which have adopted civil service laws, while the charters of a considerable number of municipalities now contain provisions for appointment through competitive examination.

Still Dabble in Politics.

The report directs attention to the discontinuance of the practice of levying political assessments on government employees, but states that there is still too great a disposition on the part of persons in the classified service to participate actively in politics, in spite of the Executive orders, to the detriment of the service.

In the educational examinations 84,191 persons competed, and 39,115 passed, while 57,843 persons took the noneducational examinations, and 35,920 passed. This makes a total of 122,034 persons examined during the year, of whom 55,035 passed and 66,999 were appointed. As compared with the previous year, there was a decrease in the number examined of 26,686, and an increase of 1,184 in the number appointed.

The commission attributes the falling off in the number of competitors to the favorable industrial conditions throughout the country. Its records show that from 40 to 60 per cent of the highest eligibles on the clerk, stenographic, and typewriting and certain other registers decline appointments for various reasons, principally on account of the low salaries offered.

Postal Salaries Too Low.

The commission directs attention to the difficulty it has experienced during the past year in securing eligibles for the Post-office service in the various parts of the country, notably in the West and South.

The commission says "the government cannot hope to compete with private employers unless it pays salaries that measure up fairly well to the standard of private business."

"The Post-office Department, under the existing law, is obliged to require a substitute carrier to hold himself ready at all times to answer a call from the department, yet his guaranteed salary is only \$1 a year. He may get twenty days' work a month, or he may get no work at all, and yet he must be ready to report for duty whenever called on."

"It is obviously difficult for an eligible on a clerk-carrier register to retain his position with a private employer when the government has a right at any time to call for a day's work, and yet the salary of the substitute carrier is rarely enough for him to live on."

Looks to Fourth-class Postmasters.

In the rural carrier service there were 24,352 applicants examined, and of these 9,159 were appointed. An interesting comparison is drawn between this service, which is classified, and the unclassified fourth-class postmasters. In the rural carrier service the Post-office Department reports that of the 35,968 rural carriers, it was found necessary to remove only 167, less than one-half of 1 per cent, and that only twenty-five of these removals were because of violations of the postal laws and regulations. Of the unclassified fourth-class postmasters it was found necessary to remove 1,253, more than 2 per cent of the total number.

Not So Strict in Panama.

The commission states that last January it joined with the Isthmian Canal Commission in recommending that all positions in the Isthmian canal service be exempted from examination, "except clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers, typewriters, surgeons, physicians, trained nurses, and draftsmen."

The commission explains that the industrial conditions in the United States were such that it became very difficult to secure applicants for mechanical trades and other outdoor positions, without employing traveling agents to visit different labor centers and other points, for which work the commission has no appropriation.

It was necessary to allow the Isthmian Canal Commission a considerable amount on account of the peculiar conditions under which its work is done, and in the absence of eligible registers temporary appointments were authorized, which were subsequently made permanent by Executive order in cases where employees were found qualified. The commission doubts whether the positions now classified on the Isthmian should be continued in the classified service, on account of the difficulty of maintaining the competitive system, and at the same time complying with the unusual requirements of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

Loss Through Superannuation.

Attention is directed to the reports received from the departments with respect to the number and efficiency of employees over sixty-five years of age. Only 5 per cent of the superannuated employees entered through the examinations of the commission. The commission states that the apparent loss to the government through lack of efficiency due to superannuation, as shown by the reports of the departments, is slightly over \$90,000 per annum in Washington. The figures showing the probable loss outside of Washington have not been completed. There are 1,528 such employees in Washington, of whom 924 were veterans.

A Breakfast Dish.

Phillips' original sausage is fast becoming famous as a breakfast dish in the household of Washington. Every hog before killed being inspected by a United States government inspector, just before being prepared for sausage, the seasoning being made from purest imported spices, never varying in flavor or quality.

Christian Science Lecture.

Rev. William P. McKenzie, of Boston, Mass., will give a lecture on Christian Science next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the National Theater. The lecture is free, and the public is invited.

Handsome Art Pictures Free with Elk Grove Butter coupons.

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Helpful Ideas for Christmas Time.



Here is where you will find the useful gifts—those that last for years as reminders. Every article in this grand Holiday display is trustworthy—the same that we sell the year 'round; the same that's made this house famous because of their genuine worth and low prices. There's a suitable present here in the Furniture line for anybody you can think of: For the bachelor's quarters, for milady's boudoir, for the child's room, nursery, library, parlor—furniture for all over the house or for any kind of a home.

The good, guaranteed kind that lasts so long, looks so well, and costs so little.

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Men's \$7 Rain Coats, latest styles, until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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Men's \$9.75 Rain Coats, single or double-breasted, plaid linings until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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Men's \$13.50 Rain Coats, very handsome. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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The very latest grade Rain Coats made for men; silk-lined. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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Ladies' \$9.50 Rain Coats in the latest styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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Ladies' \$16.50 high-grade Rain Coats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

\$5.25

Ladies' \$23.50 Cravenettes in twenty different styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

\$8.22

Ladies' Priestly Cravenettes, exclusive styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

\$11.00

The very highest grade of Ladies' Priestly Cravenettes. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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Boys' and Girls' Rain Coats, with long cape. \$3 and \$4 values. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....

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MEN'S \$25 AND \$30 PADDOCK RAIN COATS, \$9.00.
\$35 AND \$40 LADIES' SILK RAIN COATS AT \$11.50.

Men's Short Trencher Coats, former price \$4, sale price.....

\$1.00

On receipt of a small deposit, any article in the store will be laid aside until Christmas.

\$1.50

Men's Rubber Coats, \$5 and \$6 kind, for \$2.50 and.....

\$1.50

Ladies' Cape Mackintoshes, former price \$8, sale price \$2 to.....

\$1.00**\$5.25**

GOODYEAR RAIN COAT CO.,
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MEAT INSPECTION THOROUGH.

Health Officer Woodward Says Work Is Well Performed.

Following the adoption of a resolution of the Columbia Heights Citizens' Association calling for an investigation of the methods of inspection of the cold-storage plants of the city, Health Officer W. C. Woodward yesterday made an explanatory statement of the system now in vogue.

Daily inspections, he said, are made of the various markets, provision stores, packing houses, and all similar establishments, and reports submitted to him. Under the present regulations, however, the inspectors are not required to submit separate and distinct reports of the cold-storage plants.

The report of Inspector W. H. Hoover for the week ended December 1, Dr. Woodward said, showed the average work of the inspectors. One hundred and twenty-five stores and 17 markets were visited, and the following amount of foodstuff condemned: Beef, 40 pounds; mutton, 100 pounds; veal, 5 pounds; bacon, 8 pounds, and sausage, 17 pounds.

The health officer said he is not in favor of a separate investigation and report of cold-storage plants, as it would require too great a territory to be covered by one inspector. It is his opinion that better results are obtained by giving each man as small a field as possible, with the understanding that a thorough inspection is to be made. By this method, he said, the danger of food unfit for consumption being placed on the market is materially lessened.

Many of the cold-storage plants, he added, are occupied in conjunction by a number of dealers, and it is unreasonable to suppose they would allow one of their number to keep in storage decayed food which would contaminate their own wares.

SEPARATE DISTRICT REPORT.

Recommendations Will Not Accompany President's Message in Future.

The annual reports of the Commission will in the future be printed either as part of the documents of Congress or as separate District reports, instead of accompanying the President's message.

At the last session of Congress it was provided that the reports of all the executive departments and other national government establishments should be estimated and paid for individually.

The choicest cuts of New York Roasts and other meats. J. H. Buscher, Center Market, 9th st. wing.

100 Extras in Printing Office.

One hundred temporary compositors have been called for by Public Printer Stillings to help in handling the rush of Congressional business. One-half this force will go on the night shift, and for the first time the Linotype typesetting machines will be used on the Congressional printing.

Handsome Art Pictures Free with Elk Grove Butter coupons.

FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBERY.

Judge Defers Sentence to Investigate Keenan's Statements.

Earnest Keenan was found guilty of robbery in Criminal Court No. 1, yesterday. Justice Stafford deferred sentence in order to give defendant's counsel time to investigate certain statements Keenan made on the stand about the charge against him.

It appeared that Keenan, on September 9 last, fell in with Charles Schrader, an old soldier, who, it seems, had just drawn his pension, and was navigating in an untidy course along historic Pennsylvania avenue. Striking reefs, Schrader hung out signals of distress, which were sighted by Keenan, who at once pulled up alongside and took the dory in tow. Both going ashore, there was much rejoicing with the help of grog and other appropriate lubricants. Schrader, before he struck rocks, thought he had \$60 in his pocket. Feeling secure on terra firma in the companionship of a trusty mate, he fell asleep, only to awake and find his treasure of sixty vanished like the proverbial Flying Dutchman. Keenan declared in unmistakable terms that he planned the money inside of Schrader's coat, that the barkeeper saw him do it, which he did it, and that he could prove it by that identical barkeep.

REPUDIATE SUBSIDY PLEAS.

Labor Officials Deny Responsibility for Memorials to Congress.

Officials of the American Federation of Labor said yesterday that memorials had been sent to Congress favoring the ship subsidy bill by mistake. An inquiry is being conducted by Secretary Frank Morrison, and it is alleged that a so-called labor body in New York, known as the Marine Council, sent circulars to a number of affiliated organizations with the American Federation of Labor, asking it to join in mailing them to Speaker Cannon.

A number of them did so, thinking the Marine Council was a member of the federation. It was stated positively that this is not the case, and that the Marine Council is composed of interested parties, with ulterior motives.

Mothers Hear of Physical Culture.

The Mothers' Club held its regular meeting at the W. C. T. U. hall, at 522 Sixth street, last evening. An address on physical culture for children was delivered by Dr. R. Stonerod. The next meeting will take place on December 19, when Z. H. Cupp will speak on the Juvenile Courts.

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Remember, the sale starts to-day at 9 a. m. Everything throughout the store goes at one-half former marked prices. Take advantage of this sale the first thing this morning. A few special leaders—suggestions only:

Boxes of Writing Paper—paper and envelopes to match—65c. and 75c. quality.	35c	25c. and 30c. variety.	15c
Whiting's Stationery—T. & K. price, 25c. per quire. Envelopes to match, 25c. per package. Sale price for five quires of paper and five packages envelopes to match.....	\$1.25	Whiting's Pound Paper—40c. quality. Sale price.....	19c pound
45c. and 50c. Writing Paper, neat boxes. Sale price.....	25c	White Tissue Paper. Sale price.....	5c per Quire
		BRASS Fittings for Writing Desks—Ink-wells Sets, Pads, Paper Weights, &c., go at.....	1/2 price

Hundreds of Other Articles at Prices Cut in Half.

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